



Press Release

Date: March 16, 2015

Contact: Benjamin Strong
(212) 232-3862 office
(917) 545-6676 mobile
benjamin.m.strong@uscg.mil

Amver participating bulker saves 3 near Galapagos Islands

NEW YORK – The Amver participating bulk carrier Jin Yun rescued three people from a sunken panga 500 miles north of the Galapagos Islands on Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

Rescue authorities in Ecuador contacted U.S. Coast Guard personnel at the Eleventh District Command Center to assist in the search and rescue efforts. Ecuadorian rescue personnel had limited information about the distress. Crewmen from the stricken vessel called a crewman's wife to report the boat was taking on water. Search efforts were made more challenging because rescue personnel did not know where the vessel was transiting, only that it departed a port in Columbia.

Coast Guard personnel used the Amver system to located the 620-foot bulk carrier and requested the vessel to divert and search for the missing panga. A maritime patrol aircraft was also diverted and located the vessel with three people waving their arms.

The Hong Kong flagged ship arrived shortly thereafter and was able to embark the three survivors who were later transferred to the Coast Guard Cutter Active. The Jin Yun continued on its voyage to China.

Amver, sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, is a voluntary global ship reporting system used worldwide by search and rescue authorities to arrange for assistance to persons in distress at sea.

The Jin Yun enrolled in Amver on February 4, 2013 and has earned one Amver participation award.

-more-

With Amver, rescue coordinators can identify participating ships in the area of distress and divert the best-suited ship or ships to respond. In an emergency, any rescue coordination center can request this data to determine the relative position of Amver ships near the distress location. On any day there are over 7,000 ships available to carry out search and rescue services. Visit <http://www.amver.com> to learn more about this unique worldwide search and rescue system.

###